

HARBOR COMMITTEE MEETING

A G E N D A

TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE

October 10, 2007 - 7:30 P.M. - Council Chambers - Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AGENDA ADOPTION:

1. Harbor Masters up-date (Wayne Merritt)
2. Discussion on possible vandalism
3. Committee member comments
(Note: Roberts Rules do not allow for discussion under comment period)

ADJOURN:

HARBOR MASTERS UPDATE

October 2007

1. The following list is what's been going on at the Curtis Merritt Harbor in months of Aug /Sept 07.
 - A. The subleases are picking up a bit, a lot of bay side boats, eight or so.
 - B. The 5 slips that came open have been leased to rec. boaters, no comm. boater was on the list. Slip # 10, 34, 40, 41 and 94. (96) Needs dredging but I'm still going to see if someone wants it.
 - C. I stated that this meeting I would bring to the table Info On a second floating dock I have scraped the idea and will explain why.
 - D. We had some problems with a trailer and someone stealing gas, I will discuss what we are doing to correct it in closed session.
 - E. Hand out letter from Mr. Jim White and go over it.
 - F. Bathrooms update.

Wayne Merritt
Harbormaster

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To: Mr. Robert Ritter
Chincoteague Town Manager

Subject: Curtis Merritt Harbor Security

I would appreciate you addressing my concerns about the vandalism that is going on in Curtis Merritt Harbor of Refuge at the next Harbor Meeting. I will not be able to be there due to my Dept of Homeland Security obligations.

During the month of July 2007, my boat was vandalized damaging an engine so as to disable me from my Charter business for the month. The repairs were made at a great cost to me. I was able to get underway in the beginning of August only for a short while when the boat was disabled again by vandalism. The total damages came to over \$10,000. Each time the damages were such that I was offshore with people on board when they were noticed. The damages each time put the boat and personnel on board in jeopardy.

The Harbor Master and Police can do only so much and I think its time to place some kind of 24 hr security surveillance at the Harbor. The Harbor is so open that anyone can get on any boat and cause severe damage and could possibly cause a sinking of a boat and loss of a live.

If a 24 hr guard is not feasible I suggest that security cameras with tapes be placed at strategic locations throughout the harbor and monitored 24 hrs a day. I'm sure these cameras can be remoted back to a central location such as the Police Dispatch Center where activities can be watched and dispatched from.

Also a warning sign could be placed at the Harbor entrance that security cameras are in use.

It will be no time that the word will get out that 24 hr Harbor monitoring is being done and should deter most of the vandalism.

Sincerely,

Captain Fred Gilman
Reel Time Charters